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Tim Hamlin, Director
Office of Air, Waste and Toxics
USEPA, Region 10
Mail Drop OAWT-107
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) submits the enclosed documentation for data exclusion flagging and EPA concurrence as Exceptional Events for monitored values at the Pinehurst Idaho PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ monitors. The monitors were affected by many lightning ignited wildfires in Idaho and surrounding states during the 2013 wildfire season as well as a wind dust event on September 15-16, 2013. This documentation was prepared in accordance with requirements of the March 22, 2007 Final Rule, *Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events*, Federal Register Vol. 72, No. 55.

DEQ has flagged in AQS, the values shown in Table A of the attached documentation and their respective AQS/POC identifiers. As required, all data were flagged prior to July 1, 2013 with "RT" for "Wildfire – US" and "RJ" "High Wind" events.

Accompanying this letter is the supporting documentation describing the events and demonstrating that the events meet all the Exceptional Event Rule (EER) criteria, as listed in the March 22, 2007 Final Rule, *Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events*, Federal Register Vol. 72, No. 55. In addition, the attached documents (*Exceptional Events Demonstration Requesting Exclusion of PM_{2.5} Monitor Values Impacted by Wildfires at Pinehurst, Idaho in 2013* and *Exceptional Events Demonstration Requesting Exclusion of PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ Monitor Values at Pinehurst, Idaho, Impacted by September 15-16, 2013, High Wind Dust Event*) were made available to the public for a 30-day public comment period. DEQ received 2 public comments. DEQ's response to comments, legal notice and certificate of publication are included in the attached document titled *2013 Exceptional Events Comment Package*.

DEQ would appreciate your review of the enclosed documentation and notification of EPA's determination of concurrence or non-concurrence to these flagged data within 60 days as required in the Exceptional Event Rule.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Mary Anderson at Mary.Anderson@deq.idaho.gov or (208)373-0202, or me at tiffany.floyd@deq.idaho.gov (208)373-0552. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiffany Floyd", with a horizontal line above the first name.

Tiffany Floyd
Administrator, Air Quality Division

Enclosure (3)

c: Debra Suzuki, Air Planning Unit Manager EPA Region 10 (no enclosure)
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